

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification of record as follows. A clean copy of the amended specification is attached. No new matter has been added.

Please replace paragraph [0004] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0004] On the 'intranet' or the 'Internet', one or more centralized devices referred to in the literature as servers, communicate in each case with one another or with remote decentralized devices – referred to as clients in the literature. Examples of decentralized devices are stationary or portable computers, ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-enabled telephones, etc. Communication takes place by using so-called Internet protocols, especially the ~~TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (transmission control protocol/internet protocol)~~ protocol. In this case, software that can understand and evaluate the ~~TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol~~ – often referred to as 'socket' or 'TCP/IP stack' in the literature - is implemented in each case in the respective centralized and decentralized devices.

Please replace paragraph [0005] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0005] In order to transmit voice data starting from or for an ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-enabled terminal, special centralized devices are usually provided in a computer network that are referred to as gatekeeper in the literature. In this case, one gatekeeper is usually permanently assigned to each ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-enabled terminal that is designated as a home gatekeeper below. Therefore, a gatekeeper has the function of a centralized control element that controls a connection setup to or from the ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-enabled terminal via the computer network. In this case, terminal-specific data – referred to as a terminal profile below – is stored in the gatekeeper by means of the control of the connection setup or the setup connection. The terminal-specific data then includes, amongst others, a call number assigned to the terminal, a subscriber assigned to the terminal or authorizations assigned to one of the terminals, keyboard layouts stored for the terminals, etc.

Please replace paragraph [0007] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0007] FIG. 1 shows the structure of a communication system KS developed according to the related art with several gatekeepers G-A, G-B, G-C, several communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 and a communication network IP-N connected to the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 with the gatekeepers G-A, G-B, G-C. In this embodiment the data transmission via the communication network IP-N is based on the ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-protocol (Internet protocol)-in which case the communication terminals are KE1, KE2, KE3-~~IP Internet Protocol~~-enabled terminals. Alternately, the communication network IP-N can also be developed as a mobile radio network and the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 as mobile radio terminals.

Please replace paragraph [0014] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0014] In this case, at least one standardized terminal profile included in the terminal data is stored in each case in the communication devices to which different communication terminals can be assigned. Communication devices mean a device with a gatekeeper functionality connected to an ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-based communication network. Therefore, a standard profile is used for all the terminals or subscribers that address the alternate communication device based on the lacking accessibility of their home communication device. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to provide a subscriber-specific terminal profile in an alternate communication device for each terminal or subscriber, but it is sufficient to provide a so-called "asylum profile" per alternate communication device.

Please replace paragraph [0019] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0019] FIG. 2 shows a communication system KS according to one aspect of the invention with several gatekeepers G-A, G-B, G-C, several communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 and an ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-based communication network IP-N connected to the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 with the gatekeepers G-A, G-B, G-C. A first gatekeeper G-A is connected to the ~~IP Internet Protocol~~-based communication network IP-N via a network segment N-A, a second gatekeeper G-B via a network segment N-B and a third gatekeeper G-C via a

network segment N-C. In this embodiment, the gatekeepers G-A, G-B, G-C are implemented by communication systems, e.g. the communication systems Hicom or HiPath of Siemens AG.

Please replace paragraph [0020] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0020] A gatekeeper G-A, G-B, G-C is usually permanently assigned to each communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3 through which a connection is routed from or to the communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3. Such a gatekeeper G-A, G-B, G-C is designated as the home gatekeeper below. The first gatekeeper G-A is assigned as the home gatekeeper to a first communication terminal KE1 with the call number 4711. Therefore, in the first gatekeeper G-A, a terminal profile P4711 is assigned to the first communication terminal KE1. The second gatekeeper G-B is assigned as home gatekeeper to a second communication terminal KE2 with the call number 6300. Therefore, a terminal profile P6300 assigned to the second communication terminal KE2 is stored in the second gatekeeper G-B. The third gatekeeper G-C is assigned as home gatekeeper to a third communication terminal KE3 with the call number 6529. Therefore, a terminal profile P6529 assigned to a third communication terminal KE3 is stored in the third gatekeeper G-C. The communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 are IP Internet Protocol-enabled terminals, for example, IP Internet Protocol-telephones or portable or stationary computers with a corresponding telephone application running on the computer.

Please replace paragraph [0023] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0023] The asylum profile PAsyl is assigned to a communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3, in cases in which the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 login into a so-called asylum mode at the first or second gatekeeper G-A, G-B. For a login into the asylum mode, a communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3 transmits the original call number 4711, 6300, 6529 assigned by the home gatekeeper G-A, G-B, G-C to the communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3, the IP Internet Protocol address and also so-called asylum information assigned to the communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3 in the IP Internet Protocol-based communication network IP-N. Unlike the conventional terminal profiles P4711, P6300, P6529 to which only a specific communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3 can be assigned, the asylum profile PAsyl can be assigned to any communication terminal KE1, KE2, KE3.

Please replace paragraph [0024] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0024] In essence, the asylum profile includes a restricted number of the call numbers and a standard profile that can be assigned to the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3. For example, within the framework of the standard profile, authorizations and keyboard layouts that can be assigned to the communication terminals KE1, KE2, KE3 and subscriber names can be managed for the communication system KS. In this case, it is possible to define different authorizations for different subscribers. Therefore more comprehensive authorizations can be assigned to important subscribers – often designated VIP (very important person) subscribers in the literature – than to less important subscribers. It is, for example, feasible to assign an "official authorization" to specific subscribers in which case other subscribers are barred from the "official authorization". Therefore, "official authorization" in general means the authorization for a connection to an external terminal, i.e. a terminal not arranged in the communication system KS.

Please replace paragraph [0026] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0026] Below, it is assumed that the first gatekeeper G-A or the assigned network segment N-A malfunction or have failed and the first communication terminal KE1 as a result of the malfunction or the failure login into the second gatekeeper G-B in the asylum mode. As a result, the second gatekeeper G-B assigns a temporary call number and the corresponding standard profile to the first communication terminal KE1. Therefore, the first communication terminal KE1 can initialize a connection setup as an alternate gatekeeper via the second gatekeeper G-B. In the case of a connection setup, the temporary call number assigned to the second gatekeeper G-B is not transferred as a sender address, but the original call number 4711 assigned to the first gatekeeper G-A. In this way, it is ensured that the first communication terminal KE1 or the subscriber-TIn assigned to the first communication terminal KE1 can be identified at the called terminal. This is of particular importance for emergency calls for which a caller initializing the emergency call is often identified and located on the basis of a transmitted sender call number.

Please replace paragraph [0027] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0027] If the subscriber-Tin assigned to the first communication terminal KE1 is a-VIP subscriber who is a very important person, the call number assigned to the second gatekeeper G-B also remains assigned to the subscriber-Tin or the first communication terminal KE1 for the duration of the connection. In this way, the subscriber-Tin or the first communication terminal KE1 can also be reached under this call number at a later point in time. In such cases, it is possible to divert a call from the first gatekeeper G-A to the second gatekeeper G-B for an arriving call request with the call number 4711. In this case, the call diversion must be created in the "exchange", i.e. in an external device not arranged in the communication system KS.